LEAGUE PLAYING RULES.

WHAT THE COMMITTEE WILL SUGGEST FOR ADOPTION.

A Change in the Pitcher's Plate—Abolition of the Big Mitt for Infielders—Foul Tip to Be Called a Strike—Umpires Must Enforce the Rules or Be Fired—Stringent Laws Against Noisy Coaching and the Use of Foul Language—Other News.

If the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs adopts the suggestions of the Rules Committee the cranks will see several novel changes in the method of playing the national game. The Rules Committee spent a good portion of yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel tinkering with the League guide. Ed Hanlon and James A. Hart were on hand at 10 o'clock, the time for calling the meeting, but W. W. Kerr of Pittsburgh, the third member of the committee, failed to appear. After waiting three hours for Kerr, Hart and Hanlon decided to proceed with their business. About 4 o'clock C. H. Byrne came to the hotel, having been appointed to the committee in Kerr's place at the last moment. Although the work of the committee will not be voted upon by the League until tomorrow or Thursday, Chairman Hanlon thought it best to give the suggestions to the newspapers in advance, especially as there is such universal interest in the rules.

According to the committee's slate rule 8 will be changed so that it will read that hereafter the pitcher's plate will be 24x6 inches, instead of 12x4. This change has been so thoroughly explained by Hanlon in THE SUN that it needs no further comment. In rule 14, section 2, relating to the new ball to be brought into a game when the first one in use has been batted out of the grounds or into the crowd, the following change has been suggested:

The new ball so delivered to the pitcher may be discolored by him, but by no other player. In so doing, however, he shall resort to no other means than rubbing it with his hands or gloves, and shall use no foreign substance other than earth; and said ball shall not be rolled or passed from player to player.

Old rule 15 may be stricken out, and the following substituted:

The bat must be round and made only of solid hard wood.

By this, it is possible to use a bat of any length, thickness, or weight, as the old stipulations will be wiped out. Literally, a player can swing a stick that is five feet long and a foot thick, if he is able to lift it to the proper position, which is improbable. The committee do not feel that the bats will be any larger than usual, but their idea is to do away with soft wood bats, often used for bunting the ball.

The big mitt comes in for a share of attention in rule 19, section 2, which may read:

No player except the catcher and first base man shall be permitted to wear padded or lined gloves.

If this should be strictly enforced, all infielders, barring the first baseman, would be restricted to ordinary kid or buckskin gloves.

Rule 25 has been subjected to a change of one word which, however, has an important bearing on the method of punishing disorderly players. Hitherto a man ordered out of the game by the umpire has had five minutes in which to retire. By the new ruling he will have exactly one minute to get out. In rule 34 these words are to be added, "and the umpire shall have called play." This applies to a blocked ball and merely makes the rule more intelligible. In rule 35 it is suggested that the word "touched" be added, so that a blocked ball may be one that is "stopped, handled, or touched by an outsider." Last year a policeman touched a ball with his foot and, as there was no rule to cover such a case, the ball was not called a "block." The new suggestion will fit just such a case.

It has been suggested that rule 39 be changed so that any ball hit by the batsman that stops rolling in foul ground, no matter where it first strikes the ground, shall be declared a foul. In rule 40 a bunt hit is defined as follows:

A bunt hit is a deliberate attempt on the part of the batsman to hit a ball slowly within the field so that it cannot be fielded by any infielder in time to retire the batsman.

This has been done because in last year's rules there was no definition of a bunt, although there were rules governing such plays. There were consequently many arguments between players and umpires as to what constituted a bunt, with all sorts of peculiar rulings.

If rule 43, section 6, is adopted the umpire will call a strike on all foul tips caught by the catcher within the ten-foot line. The rule makers believe that such a thing is advisable, inasmuch as it is so close to a regular strike that it is hard for the pitcher to lose credit for one. Of course, if the catcher drops the ball a strike cannot be called.

Rule 45 relative to a batsman batting out of order has been juggled in the following manner: Strike out in the third line "a fair ball has been made" and substitute "time at bat recorded," and insert in the fifth line, between the words "batsman" and "provided" the words "and only the proper batsman shall be declared out," and at the end of section 1 add the words "and no bases shall be run and no runs scored, and further no outs shall be counted other than that of the proper batsman." All of which means that if a player bats out of turn and several other players go to the plate afterward before the mistake has been discovered, only the first batsman shall be declared out.

In relation to the "trapped ball," rule 45, section 9, has been changed so that it reads, "First and second bases, must be occupied to declare the batsman out." The question of noisy coaching and rowdy behavior on the field comes in for an unusual amount of suggestions. According to the proposed changes in rule 52 the coachers shall be restricted to coaching the base runners only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base runner. In case this rule is violated flagrantly by a player the umpire shall debar his team from any further coaching whatever. Under the old rules a coacher who became too noisy was ordered to refrain from coaching during the remainder of the game, but now his violation of the rule affects the whole team.

As umpires have on several occasions failed to enforce the rules because of personal reasons, the committee will suggest to the League that the following amendment to the constitution be adopted:

It shall be the duty of an umpire to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of his personal opinion as to their merits. This shall especially apply to rule 52 and section 3 of rule 56, and in the event of his failure to enforce these rules he shall be fined $10 for each offence upon the sworn statement of the captain of one of the opposing teams and two reputable witnesses, which affidavit, however, must be forwarded to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours of the time of the offence.

Kickers will be brought up with a sharp turn if the League adopts this amendment, also offered by the rule makers:

Any player, other than the captain, leaving his position in the field or leaving the bench to question a decision of the umpire, shall be fined $10 for the first offence and for the second offence he shall be removed from the game and required to leave the field forthwith.

Players who use foul language will have to hold their tongues this season or be severely punished if this change in rule 59, section 5, goes through:

The umpire shall remove a player for a violation of section 1 of this rule (section 1 is for improper language addressed to a spectator, the umpire, or any player); and the player so removed shall be ineligible to play in a championship game for the next three succeeding days.

While several of these suggestions may cause much argument in the League, Chairman Hanlon believes that they will all be adopted.

THE NEW YORKS ARE HERE.

Ready to Sail for Jacksonville This Afternoon—What They Have to Say.

The New York players began to report to Manager Davis at the club's new offices, 30 Cortlandt street, yesterday noon. Eddie Burke was the first to arrive, but he only came from Harlem. Mike Tiernan telephoned that he would be ready to leave with the team this afternoon, and Jack Doyle reported that he was ready to face sassiskness in its worst form. Dad Clarke showed up early and said he felt all right. He looks well and is anxious for the hard work to begin. "Yale" Murphy shook hands with his fellow players, and remarked that he would give Fuller and Stafford quite an argument for their places on the team.

Charley Farrell, the "Duke of Marlborough," who is the best catcher in the League, was in excellent humor. He arrived here on an early train, and was warmly greeted when he floated into headquarters. Charley looked as if he could go behind the bat at a moment's notice. "I weigh 197 pounds," said he to THE SUN reporter, "and that is three pounds less than I tipped the scales at last fall. I have been taking care of myself, and am ready to do whatever is asked of me. I think Stanford will be a great second baseman. I may be mistaken, but that is my honest opinion."

Lester German, the pitcher, was radiant in a bell-shaped overcoat and a snow-white alpine hat. He seemed to be in magnificent condition, and was in a very cheerful mood. "I am feeling as fine as silk," he remarked, "and my arm is much stronger than last season. I feel confident that I can pitch better ball this year than ever before, for my physical condition is just perfect."

Frank Knauss, the new left-hander who was signed by Davis in Cleveland, created a most favorable impression among those who saw him. He is a big, heavy fellow who looks every inch a ball player. In facial expression he resembles Jack Doyle somewhat, although it is very easy to see that he has German blood in his veins. Knauss is an exceedingly quiet young man, but in answer to questions put to him by THE SUN man, he said:

"Of course, I know that many players who injure their arms never recover the use of them. But I think my case is an exception to the rule. I caught cold in my arm four years ago, and was disabled. I have taken a long rest, and have had it treated by expert physicians. Not long ago I had it 'fired' in several places, and now it is as strong as it ever was. I am so sure that I can pitch good ball that I only ask for a trial. If I can't, I want to be released at once."

Manager Davis received telegrams from Jim Stafford and Tommy Bannon saying that they would arrive late in the afternoon and would be ready for the journey to-day. Fuller wired from Cincinnati that he would leave that city for Jacksonville next Tuesday. Westervelt has refused to go South unless President Freedman accedes to his demand for increased salary, and will be left at home. Davis arranged to take a promising local catcher of the name of Alex Smith along with the team, and also had Catcher William Kinsler in tow, but the latter received an offer to go to Scranton, and preferred to accept Manager Hardie's terms. Denny Hoine, a clever youngster from Cohoes, will also be taken along by the club. He is an all-around man.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the men will sail for Savannah, where they will board a train for Jacksonville. The steamer leaves Pier 34, foot of Canal street, and a big crowd of cranks are expected to see the boys off. Manager Davis will have charge of the team, while the finances will be handled by Harvey Watkins, who was formerly with Barnum & Bailey, and who has signed a contract with President Freedman. Arthur Bell and Secretary Bonnell will remain at home. Upon arriving in Jacksonville, the team will be met by Rusie, Meekin, Van Haltren, Fuller, and probably Wilson. Mr. Freedman will also be on hand to see now the boys warm up to their work.

WILL CHICAGO GET PFEFFER?

If He Is Reinstated Hart and Anson May Angle for Him.

Fred Pfeffer, the well-known second baseman, who was blacklisted by the League for complicity in the defunct Association movement, arrived in town yesterday with the idea of having his case retried by the National Board at the request of the League. Pfeffer talked very confidently of reinstatement, and to a SUN reporter said:

"There is no evidence against me and nothing can be brought up by my accusers. The Louisville Club intends to bring my case before the League on Wednesday, and I am here prepared to answer any questions that may be put to me. I deny absolutely that I ever approached a player to desert the League, although I have several letters from players asking me if they could join the Association movement. My contract with the Louisville Club expired by mutual consent on Sept. 15, so that I did not break faith with any one by joining the Association movement."

President James A. Hart of the Chicago Club, when asked for an opinion, at first refused to discuss the matter, but later on he said that if Pfeffer should be reinstated, he ought to be assigned to the Chicago Club, as he really belonged to that concern, by virtue of the way he left it. Although Hart was very guarded in his remarks, it was quite evident that he will look out for Chicago first, last, and all the time. President Hanlon of Baltimore was more communicative. He said:

"I see no reason why Pfeffer should not be reinstated, especially as Barnie and Buckenberger were both in the same boat with him. I understand that the League has evidence from certain players that Pfeffer tampered with them, but that is a very hard thing to prove."

President Byrne of Brooklyn declined to even think of the subject.

BASE BALL IN ENGLAND.

Two Associations Meet and Elect Officers—The Game Growing.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The London Base Ball Association held a meeting to-day, at which Chairman Knowles presided.

Mr. Knowles spoke at length upon the growth of the association since its organization as a side show to "Buffalo Bill's" Wild West Exhibition. He stated that it now counted in its membership seventy clubs in England, and was strongest in the northern counties. At Balham grounds had been secured for this year and encloses with a fence; and dressing rooms for the use of clubs playing there had been erected within the enclosure. The association this year, Mr. Knowles asserted, was free from debt. An election of officers for the ensuing term was held and resulted in the choice of Thomas Dewar as President, and N. P. Cooke as Secretary. The season will open on May 5.

The National Baseball Association also held a meeting and elected Francis Lee of Cleveland, O., and Derby, England, President, and Mr. N. P. Cooke, Secretary. The committee of the association accepted, in the name of trustees, the challenge cup, valued at £100, which was presented for competition by Mr. Thomas Dewar.

All of the reports received concur in expressing the opinion that there is a healthy growth of baseball in England.

Wesleyan's Baseball Schedule.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 25.—The Wesleyan baseball team practised steadily in the cage last week under the direction of Coach Woodcock, who will remain here the remainder of the week. Ralph Stewart, formerly captain and catcher of the Vermont University team, has been engaged to coach the men as soon as the weather permits of outdoor work. Manager V. G. Smith is now making arrangements for a Southern trip during the Easter vacation. The games thus far arranged are as follows:

April 6, Vermont University, at Middletown; April 9, Worcester Polytechnic, at Middletown; April 13, Rutgers, at New Brunswick; April 16, University of Pennsylvania, at Middletown; April 17, Brown, at Providence; April 22, Williams, at Middletown; April 24, Amherst, at Amherst; April 27, Tufts, at Middletown; May 1, Yale, at Middletown; May 4, Colgate, at Middletown; May 6, Union, at Middletown; May 9, Brown, at Middletown; May 11, Lafayette, at 31 drawn; May 14, Cuban Giants, at Middletown; May 15, Trinity, at Hartford; May 18, Amherst Aggies, at Middletown; May 21, Holy Cross, at worcester; May 22, Williams, at Williamstown; May 25, Trinity, at Middletown; May 28, Georgetown, at Middletown; May 30, Columbia, at Middletown; June 1, Holy Cross, at Middletown; June 6, Amherst, at Middletown; June 8, Rutgers, at Middletown.

Baseball Notes.

The Giant A. C. have reorganized for the season and would like to hear from all teams within 100 miles of Brooklyn offering a suitable guarantee. Address A. Kauffinger, 232 Bleecker street, New York.

The Elk Athletic Club of Brooklyn would like to hear from strong amateur teams in and around New York. Suitable guarantee offered. Address R. C. Smith, secretary, 16 Aberdeen street, Brooklyn.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—Judson Smith, the well-known infielder, has accepted terms to play in Hamilton. The local baseball team is now complete with the exception of another first class pitcher.

The Brooklyn Field Club would like to hear from the Orientals, F. C., Patterson, Newark Club, Hoboken, Englewood, F. C., Orange, A. C., Generals, Prospects, and other teams in their class offering a suitable guarantee. Address F. C. Winnett, manager, 885 Graham avenue, Brooklyn.

All the games to be played on the Southern trip the Brooklyns will split up and play among themselves. The regular team will be arrayed against the "colts," as Manager Foutz calls the newer men. Foutz, however, will play first base for the "colts," leaving Dahlen to cover that big, far flung region. Foutz says that he will have decided who to and who not to keep by the time the team starts North again. It will have to decide up to at time, he says, "or I might as well keep the winds twenty men throughout the season."

The Oritani Field Club of Hackensack has the following games scheduled: May 4, Murray Hills; 11, Flushings; 18, Jasper A. C.; 22, Columbia College; 30, Leonias; June 1, Rutgers College; 8, Jersey B. B. C.; 15, Nutley A. C.; 22, Arlington Association; 29, Leonias; July 1, Paterson; 6, Montclair A. C.; 13, Cuban Giants; 20, Open; 27, Week End A. C.; 28, Somerville; Aug. 3, Orange A. C.; 17, Elizabeth A. C.; 24, Cuban Giants; Sept. 7, Elizabeth A. C.; 14, Orange A. C.; 21, Leonias; Aug. 30 and Sept. 2 and 28, open dates.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Feb. 25.—It was the sense of the college at to-night's mass meeting to debar last month medical students from participation in championship games. The faculty athletic committee thought that action should be postponed until the close of the baseball season, to avoid any semblance of interference, while the students favored immediate action. It was finally decided to refer the matter to a committee of students, who shall confer with the Advisory Committee and report for final action at a later college meeting. Their action means the disembowelment of the league in Dartmouth lives up to her threat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Three of the Washington baseball players, Joyce, Metzler, and Mercer, remain to be heard from by the Waghers. If they do not show up the team will go South for the practice games without them. No one supposes for an instant, however, that Jim Joyce will be absent, for missing which he forfeited his chance to take a trip to Mexico he started for his Michigan home last fall for a sad but not so wonderful purpose. Joyce was very well satisfied during the whole season, and he began and ended the Michigan pneurfes, and has not been near a Post Office, even if he had an inclination to write. He is always on time, though, and Manager Schmelz is confident that he will be here Saturday. If the men on the Washington list start in on the championship season in good playing form the team should hold a good position.

Inter-University Courtesy.

An incident during the cold weather which has afflicted England lately shows in a pleasant light the cordial relations between the two great universities. The boat race between Oxford and Cambridge is to come off in a few weeks, both crews have been for some time on the river, and the impression even at Cambridge is that Oxford has the better crew. The other day the river at Oxford froze over, so that the crew could not practice, whereupon Mr. Lehmann, a Trinity, Cambridge, man, invited the Oxford crew to be his guests at Bourne End on the Thames, where the water was open. The Oxford men accepted, went there, rowed, and were coached from the bank by their host.

OUT-AND-OUT KEEL BOAT.

THAT IS WHAT THE NEW CUP DEFENDER IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE.

She Will Be 89 Feet on the Water Line, About 24 Feet Beam, and Something Like 17 Feet Draught—Tobin Bronze Plates Laid on Steel Frames Will Be Used in Her Construction—The Yacht Will Be an Improved Colonia, with Greater Draught, Shorter Keel, Greater Quickness in Stays, and Much Faster.

BRISTOL, R. I., Feb. 25.—The latest information from the Herreshoff works is so positive in its character as to leave no reasonable doubt as to the type, general dimensions, and construction of the new cup defender. She is an out-and-out keel boat, an improved Colonia, and will be of Tobin bronze construction—Tobin bronze plates on steel frames. She will be 89 feet on the water line, about 24 feet beam, and something over 17 feet draught, or four feet longer on the water line than the Colonia, about the same beam, and with over two feet more draught. Her lead keel is about 36 feet long on the top, is 5 feet 6 inches in depth at the centre, and tapers away gradually to a point both forward and aft. It is some 2 feet across at the top and is slightly bulbed at the bottom. The Colonia was about 130 feet over all.

The new boat will be considerably less, by reason of the shortening of the forward overhang and the making of a stem whose contour above the water is very much like that of Valkyrie II., challenger for the cup of 1893. The after overhang is about as long as on the other Herreshoff boats, and the rudder is hung on the stern post, but is somewhat wider than usual, since it only runs to the top of the lead keel and not to the bottom.

She is a keel boat, as was expected, but she so closely approaches a fin keel as not to cut away as much forward and aft as was confidently expected. Still she is more of a fin keel than the Colonia, and is an undoubted improvement on that boat, with the greater draught, shorter keel, and evident provision for quickness in stays. Her designer has not gone quite to the extent anticipated in cutting the dead wood aft and deepening the fin, but, aside from that, the boat is very close to the predictions made.

Comparing her with the Colonia, it is evident that the designer has not struck out on new lines, but has modified her design where modification was deemed necessary from the lessons of the trial and cup races of 1893, and the racing of the Vigilant abroad in 1894. With the same beam as the Colonia, the new boat has four feet more of water-line length, which should allow of a fining out of the lines and a better model all around. The shortening of the overhang forward is apparently in the line of saving weight, and making a bow every inch of which will be useful in a seaway, besides being an easy one to take to the water. The question of the long overhang is a vexatious one, and increased draught soon to be able sail and get the main sheet further aft on the boom, and with a better purchase than with less overhang. The increase in draught means the ability to bang on to windward, which was the chief thing lacking in the Colonia. It also means more leverage in power, although not so much as one as to promise a largely increased sail plan.

The decrease in the length of the keel from forty-five to about thirty feet, and the curving upward of the ends of the lead keel, show that much greater quickness in stays will be secured. In models—so far as the new boat can be judged from out from Colonia, and will show the same easy bilge and almost straight topside. The garboard is hollowed but a little more, and the keel runs straight down from the garboard to the bulb of the lead keel. The bulb itself is not a large one, and is in shape to have but very little increase the resistance in a speedy and easy forcing through the water.

Summed up, the model, as compared with the Colonia, shows easier lines, an easier form to drive, a bit more power, and greater ability to hold up to windward, and greater quickness in stays. In a word, the difference between the two is more in the nature of a fin than on any of the Herreshoff boats not having a plate fin. She should be faster than the Colonia, but how much faster, or whether just enough to beat an improved Britannia, no one can say.

In the matter of construction, she will be about like the Colonia and the Vigilant, except that the Tobin bronze plating will run clear to the plank shear instead of having the topstroke or line of plating of steel.

The designer has evidently come to the conclusion that not enough weight will be saved by composite construction, but is relying on a certain loss of strength, and has decided to stick to the Tobin bronze, which in the Vigilant was all that was expected of it in the way of strength, smoothness, and anti-fouling properties.

Perhaps it would be too much to say that the plans have been changed from composite to steel construction, but it is certain that the material was at least held in abeyance, and that an order for Tobin bronze was not at once placed on the signing of the contract. The reason for running the lead keel before instead of after the framing and plating of the boat is found in the fact that the steel frames have been delayed, and that it was necessary to push the work ahead.

There will also be some advantages from building the boat above the keel rather than to run the latter afterward, although much riveting will now have to be done with the keel plate secured from the boat and before the two are bolted together. The templates for the stem and stern posts have been made, and these, with the lead keel, give the profile of the body of the boat with great accuracy.

The delay of the rolling mills in furnishing the steel frames has caused the tardy arrival of material. When the material once arrives work can undoubtedly be pushed and the boat made to take shape very rapidly. A big gang must be put on the plating, though, if the boat is to be delivered on contract time, June 1.

THE HORSE AND CARRIAGE TRADE.

W. B. Fasig's Sale of Trotting Stock Is Bringing Many Horsemen to Town.

Many prominent horsemen are already in town awaiting the opening of W. P. Fasig's big sale of trotting stock which begins at Madison Square Garden to-morrow. Among those who arrived on Sunday and yesterday were R. J. Wilson, Rushville, Ind.; George Starr, Terre Haute Ind., and Dan J. Leathers, Grand Rapids, Mich. Leathers comes to attend the sale of his two fast trotters, Pixley, 2:08¼, and Monbars, 2:11¾. Among the other fast trotters in this sale are St. Vincent, 2:11¾; Claymore, 2:17¾; Nettie Wilkes, 2:17¾, and Fron Fron, the first yearling to gain a record of 2:25¼.

Van Tassell & Kearney will sell on March 5 a select lot of trotting-bred young horses from the Forest Park Farm of H. B. C. Watson of Brandywine, Del. Watson has been for ten years past a critical buyer and breeder of trotters, and the consignment which he sends to the busy horse mart in East Thirteenth street includes some stock of choice breeding and fine quality. Several of the animals to be sold were bred by Robert Bonner, A. J. Cassatt, Charles Backman, and the late George Valentine. They are the get of Startle, Kentucky Prince, Starlight, Sidney, and other prominent sires.

The turf papers a few weeks ago reported the sale of the black trotter Algiers, 2:20¾, to W. A. Johnson of Hubbard, O. Johnson is the Western buyer for the New York Coach Horse and Cob Company, and Algiers is now on show in the city stables of the company, along with more than 100 other trotting-bred horses, trimmed up in the prevailing style for high steppers. He is quite a showy animal in action and is finely turned, but looks for one in repose. Algiers can pull a gig or phaeton very fast on the road.

One of the newest and neatest things in fancy traps for park driving now on show in the up-town warerooms is a back-to-back trap on rubber gear which has just been turned out by H. Meyenborg & Co. for Fred Gaway. The most striking and novel feature of the vehicle is its single groom's seat behind in place of the usual wide one. The body is extremely deep and short in accordance with the latest style. The vehicle is adapted from the old "going-to-cover wagon" formerly used by English sportsmen to carry their dogs and guns to the hunting field.

The remarkable success which has attended Isaac H. Dahlman's new departure in opening a reliable market for the sale of horses at auction in the event of the year in Ohio's Breed horse circles. Dahlman has for fifty years dealt in horses at private sale, and he has been intrusted with confidential commissions to purchase for such prominent fanciers as Robert Bonner and Sheppard F. Knapp. The veteran dealer's reputation for fair, open methods was long ago established, and it is therefore not strange that he captured the bulk of the best consignments of horses sent in from the West as soon as he opened his auction branch last month.

Ed De Cernia Buys Two Kentucky Trotters.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 25.—Ed De Cernia of New York has purchased of Gen. W. H. Gentry the trotting mare Lilia Turner, four years, by Jerome Turner, dam by Red Wilkes, for $2,000. The same purchaser has secured of the ex-Judson, Wilkinson, Myra Simmons, 2:20¾, bay mare, by Simmons, dam by Allie West, for $1,000.

Joseph H. Tanner, the man who gave Rex Americus a trial of 2:14 as a two-year-old and then sold him to C. J. Hamlin for $15,000, sold to-night in Boston parties, through George W. Leavitt, the three-year-old bay colt Lefabie, by Jay Bird, dam Kate, by Young Jim. The price is private, but the colt went a trial last year in 2:16, and several thousand dollars was probably paid for him.

BIG BUSINESS FOR THE "BOOKIES."

A Large Crowd Turns Out to See King Rex as Well as the Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—Despite the counter attraction of the entrance of King Rex in the Crescent City, there was a large attendance at the races to-day. The weather was clear and warm, but the track was still muddy. The betting was brisk and lively, and the fourteen "bookies" on the track had a hustling time of it in handling the business.

Furlong, an odds on favorite, won the first race, and Ludlow captured the second with a good following. Beatifice was another odds on favorite in the third race and passed under the wire an easy winner. Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs; selling. Furlong, 106 (Thorpe), 7 to 10, won; Terrapin, 108 (Mecher), 4 to 1, second; Rodgson, 103 (L. Soden), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:22¼.

Second Race—Five furlongs; selling. Ludlow, 102 (Turner), 2 to 1, won; Proprietor, 103 (Hehre), 4 to 1, second; Gee Whiz, 102 (Gardner), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:01¾.

Third Race—Six furlongs; selling. Beatifice, 110 (Thorpe), 1 to 3, won; Little Fib, 103 (A. Barrett), 5 to 1, second; Danube, 104 (Thornton), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:20¾.

Fourth Race—Six furlongs; selling. Luke Parks, 104 (Turner), 2 to 1, won; Larkin Wedgewood, 101 (L. Jones), 4 to 1, second; Guard, 107 (McCue), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:21.

Fifth Race—Seven furlongs; selling. Faik, 110 (R. Jones), 4 to 1, won; Blue and White, 105 (Finnegan), 4 to 1, second; Mazeppa, 102 (Keith), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:26.

The following is the programme for to-morrow:

First Race—Selling; seven furlongs. Wolsey, 104; Jim Henry, Le Grand, and Lester, 105; Hodgson, 106; Robert Tatta, and Bill White, 108.

Second Race—Selling; eleven sixteenths of a mile. Princess Rose, Brewer, Mary Talbert, Maggie Harris, and Black Beauty, 105; Luke Snort, Walter C., Denis, Vocality, and Boothroyd, 104; Shelby, Boston, and Verdi, 107; Sidean, 110.

Third Race—Selling; seven furlongs. Bess McCuff and Mezzotint, 103; Polopena, 104; Primero Channon Clark, and Twenty three, 105; Zauliver, 107; Bonnie B. and Contest, 108; Hotspur, 110; Francis Pope, 114.

Fourth Race—Selling; six furlongs. Anna McNairy and Fabia, 95; La Grippe, 97; Blackbell, 100; Cherley L., Sylvan, and Merritt, 104; Property, 105; Ben Wilson, Darwin, Wedgewood, and Emperor Billet, 107; Tom Kelly, 110.

Fifth Race—Maidens; seven furlongs. Mabel R., 95; F. C. Nichols and Burgundy, 97; Buckeye, 100; Booter, 102; Cooper, Jim Brown, Bob Wilson, Kelly, and Joco, 104.

The "Talent" Win Money at Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Feb. 25.—The weather here to-day was very fine, but the attendance was only fair. The programme offered was excellent. A few outsiders won to-day, but notwithstanding the "talent" got the best of the "bookies" for a tidy sum. Una Grande was posted as a starter in the first race, but, unfortunately, went lame and had to be withdrawn. All bets had to stand, though, and were consequently lost. Una Grande was third choice in the betting, but, fortunately, there were not many who made wagers on him.

There is a possible chance that the meeting here will be prolonged until March 12. It was positively stated here that the Alexander Island track will open for business on March 1. Secretary Tompkins of the Old Dominion Jockey Club confirmed this by sending a telegram from Washington to Thomas Cleary, Cleary Forest, at 20 to 1, with Dwyer up, got the place in the third race by five lengths. He was tipped as a good thing. Summaries:

First Race—Five furlongs. Ellen H., 107½ (Morris), 3 to 1, first; J. McHardie, 111 (Dwyer), 6 to 1, second; Caroven, 110 (Barrett), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:05. May K., Mecheevey, Forness L., and Tunnit also ran.

Second Race—Six and a half furlongs. Elizabeth, 110 (Doyle), 6 to 5, first; Cadet, 110 (Dwyer), 7 to 2, second; Prince Klamath, 106 (Carter), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:30. Andrew D., Lady Danby, Bela, Pilatuff, and Prince Albert also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs. Boiwood, 107 (Morris), 4 to 5, first; Grey Forest, 111 (Dwyer), 20 to 1, second; Monte Carlo, 85½ (Burrell), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:18¾. May E., Gorman, Watch Charm, Red Star, and Gold Iama also ran.

Fourth Race—Four and a half furlongs. Halcyon, 110 (W. Morris), 6 to 5, first; Huckeray, 100 (Dwyer), 4 to 1, second; Con Lucey, 112 (Hender), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:02. Jewel, Little Alice, and Benjamin also ran.

Fifth Race—Five furlongs. Ray Tay, 6 to 1, first; Pocanontas, 8 to 5, second; Sela, third. Time, 1:10.

The entries for the races to-morrow are as follows:

First Race—Four and one-half furlongs. McFonso, 110; Kingford, 110; Andrew D., 110; Bob West, 110; Pocanto, 107; Sachaw, 104; Briscoe, 107; Uncle Grade, 107; Lady Danby, 105; May K., 105; Argyle II., 105; Miss Fisher, 105.

Second Race—Six furlongs. Jersey Pat, 112; Vandyke, 112; May E., 110; Lallah, 110; Ellen H., 110; Elizabeth, 110.

Third Race—Selling; four and a half furlongs. Margarite, 108; Berwick, 106; Vacuum, 105; Mickey B., 101; Texey Gardner, 96; Psyche, 96; Gloriana, 96; Pickaway, 94; Peter Jackson, 94; Lill put, 94; Caroven, 94; Princess Alix, 94.

Fourth Race—Selling; five furlongs. Benjamin, 115; Thackeray, 112; Vestibule, 111; Halcyon, 110; India Rubber, 108; Billy Boy, 108; Apollo, 105; Red Star, 104.

Fifth Race—Four furlongs. Jim R., 103; Snooks, 100; McCormack, 100; Pointon, 97; Canada Jack, 97; The Pearl, 95; Miss Castles, 95; Dorcas L., 95.

Results at 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Results of the races here to-day:

First Race—Six furlongs. Rey Alta, 105 (Tuberville), 4 to 1, won; Little Fob, 97 (Henrichs), 8 to 1, second; Bravura, 95 (T. Murphy), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:18.

Second Race—Six furlongs. Flash Light, 112 (Griffin), 6 to 5, won; Molle R., 107 (F. Carr), 5 to 1, second; Mainstay, 112 (McAuliffe), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

Third Race—About six furlongs. Tartarian, 110 (F. Carr), 4 to 5, won; Arthur, 116 (Griffin), 8 to 1, second; Ferrier, 110 (Bunn), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:15¾.

Fourth Race—About six furlongs. Hiram Argo, 95 (Henrichs), 3 to 1, won; Arctic, 95 (Russell), 100 to 1, second; Mutineer, 92 (Livermore), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Fifth Race—One mile; selling. Whitestone, 107 (Griffin), 6 to 5, won; Rico, 99 (Henrichs), 3 to 1, second; Garcia, 106 (C. Weber), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:44.

HICKOK IS SLY, VERY SLY,

But Easters Horsemen Know a Thing or Two Themselves.

In the stake race for 2:30 pacers to be decided at the Fleetwood Grand Circuit meeting next August there is an an entry which reads as follows:

——, ch. f., by a son of Alcyone, dam Polly, O. A. Hickok, San Francisco, Cal.

Up at the Fleetwood club house yesterday John Monaghan scanned this vague and innocent-looking paragraph and smiled a knowing smile.

"Hickok is a crafty one, now isn't he?" said the well-known trainer. "What other man in the business, now that Jim Eoff is dead, would have thought of such a scheme to cover up the identity of a good green one? That chestnut filly has a name, and it's pretty well known around here, too, whatever I'm much mistaken. That's Silver Bond. She was sold for $1,850, as a two-year-old, to Peter Duryea at the Dinehart sale in Poughkeepsie last July, and she pulled a high-wheeled sulky a quarter in 31¼ seconds over a muddy track that day. I'm told, too, that Hickok worked her a half in 1:02 after he got her, and that she paced a mile out in 2:10¾ in her work at Buffalo. By a son of Alcyone, dam Polly, that's good! She's by J. J. Audubon, with a trotting record of 2:19, and her dam is the dam of Charles H. Kerner's great little mare Bush, 2:14¾, that drove Miss Lida out to a head in 2:10¾ at Lansing last season."

The Baltimore Jockey Club May Stop Racing After Next Saturday.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—President Coolahan of the Baltimore Jockey Club returned this morning from Washington, where he had gone on Saturday night, to see if some arrangements could be made with the Old Dominion Jockey Club whereby his club could secure some dates from them. While in Washington he had an interview with President Jones, but could not make any arrangements, as Jones informed him that the meeting at Alexander Island would open positively on Friday, and this was confirmed by Secretary Tompkins, who sent out the first official notice this afternoon.

President Coolahan stated that the meeting would be run in opposition to the Alexander Island track until Saturday week. At a meeting of the stockholders, however, held after the races were over to-day, it was decided to continue until Saturday as a trial. If the club can make expenses Friday and Saturday the meeting will be prolonged a week or probably two weeks longer. This seems to be a rather foolish move on their part, as all the horses, talent, and bookmakers for the most part, have signified their intention of starting for Washington on Thursday night, and are glad to leave.

Racing Will Begin at East St. Louis on Next Saturday.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—The East St. Louis Jockey Club held a meeting to-day and decided to reopen its track and have daily races, beginning next Saturday. No license from the Turf Congress will be asked for at present, but in view of the fact that the track may apply for one later on no outlawed horses, owners, or jockeys will be allowed to participate at the coming meeting.

In deciding to run every day and barring the Madison horses, owners, and jockeys, the East St. Louis people will clash with the Madison track, and naturally this will bring about another race track war.

Louty Beats Leary in Maurice & John's Tournament.

In the billiard tournament at Maurice & John's rooms last night, the following game was played: E. Louty (210), beat C. Leary (225), by a score of 210 to 110. The winner's high run was 17, and average 8 1-23. Only one game was scheduled.

CUP COMMITTEE MEET,

AND HEAR LETTERS READ FROM DUNRAVEN AND GEORGE J. GOULD.

The Former Wishes to Know How Many Men He Can Carry in the Race, While the Latter Says the Vigilant Will Be Put in Racing Trim—The New York Yacht Club Meets in the Evening, and Approve of the Changes in Its Racing Rules Passed at Its Annual Meeting.

The members of the American Cup Committee held a short session yesterday afternoon at ex-Commodore James D. Smith's office, 42 Broad street. There were present, in addition to Chairman Smith, A. Cass Canfield, J. Frederic Tams, and Latham A. Fish. The absentees were Governeur Kortright, Archibald Rogers, and C. Oliver Iselin. The latter's absence was soon explained by a letter from that gentleman resigning from the Cup Committee on account of his interest in the new cup defender. The place was not filled, and will not be until the committee's next meeting.

The meeting of the committee was a special one called for the purpose of settling the question as to the number of the crew to be carried by each yacht in the coming races for the cup, and also to decide on the total number of men to be allowed on board when the challenger and defender are measured.

The call for the meeting was brought about by the following letter from Lord Dunraven:

DUNRAVEN CASTLE,
BRYNKIRWIN, GLAMORGAN, Jan. 31, 1895.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., and received with pleasure the formal notification of the acceptance by the New York Yacht Club of the challenge forwarded for me by the Royal Yacht Squadron.

I shall consider the first race as provisionally fixed, as stated in your letter, for Sept. 7, and shall use my best endeavors to get across in time.

I do not know of any question which requires speedy settlement except that of the number of crew (when the vessels may carry, or rather of the number of persons all told to be on board when the vessels are measured).

I have given Mr. Kersey authority to act for me in all such matters, an authority which he has been kind enough to accept, and it would save time and trouble if your committee would settle this matter with him.

I have the honor to remain yours very faithfully,
JAMES D. SMITH, Esq. DUNRAVEN.

During the meeting the following letter was read from Commodore George J. Gould of the Atlantic Yacht Club:

NEW YORK, Feb. 10, 1895.

DEAR COMMODORE SMITH: Referring to the question of the Vigilant, the time is approaching when we should decide definitely what is to be done with her and what measures are to be taken to bring her to the starting line to meet the Royal Yacht Squadron challenger in a condition to show her greatest speed.

I am going abroad this spring, but expect to be home in August.

If it is agreeable to your committee I will take the boat, and promise that she will be at the starting line (of course, barring accidents) in the best of condition to show her full speed. With kind regards, sincerely yours, GEORGE J. GOULD.

Commodore JAMES D. SMITH.

The committee authorized Commodore Smith to make the following reply to Commodore Gould:

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